

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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STRATEGIC SHIPPING & CHARTERING B.V.,

Plaintiff,

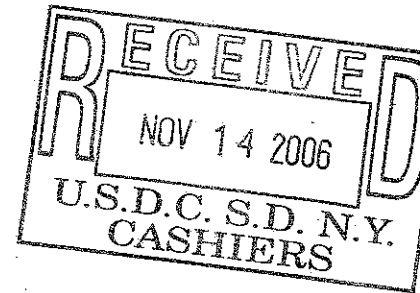
- against -

CRESCENT AFRICA LTD.,

Defendant.  
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**VERIFIED COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, STRATEGIC SHIPPING & CHARTERING B.V. (hereafter referred to as "Plaintiff"), by and through its attorneys, Tisdale & Lennon, LLC, as and for its Verified Complaint against the Defendant, CRESCENT AFRICA LTD. (hereafter referred to as "Defendant"), alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 United States Code § 1333.
2. At all times material to this action, Plaintiff was, and still is, a foreign company duly organized and operating under foreign law.
3. Upon information and belief, Defendant was, and still is, a foreign corporation, or other business entity, organized under, and existing by virtue of the laws of the Ghana with a principal place of business in Cantonments Accra.
4. Pursuant to a charter party dated April 24, 2006, Plaintiff chartered the MT ELEOUSA TRIKOUKIOTISA (hereinafter referred to as the "Vessel") to Defendant for "2 consecutive voyages with upto fc of CPP 1-2 grades within vessels natural segregations unleaded, undyed undarker 2.5 npa."

5. During the course of the charter, a dispute arose between the parties regarding Defendant's failure to pay demurrage on the first voyage and deadfreight on the second voyage.

6. As a result of Defendant's breach of the charter party contract, Plaintiff has sustained damages in the total principal amount of \$106,156.25, exclusive of interest, arbitration costs and attorneys fees.

7. Pursuant to the charter party, all disputes arising thereunder are to be submitted to arbitration in London with English Law to apply.

8. The Plaintiff has or will soon commence arbitration and appoint its arbitrator.

9. Despite due demand, Defendant has failed to pay the amounts due and owing under the charter party.

10. Interest, costs and attorneys' fees are routinely awarded to the prevailing party in London arbitration pursuant to English Law. As best as can now be estimated, Plaintiff expects to recover the following amounts under the final arbitration award:

A.	Principal claim:	\$106,156.25
B.	Estimated interest on claim: 4 years at 6% compounded quarterly	\$28,576.48
C.	Estimated Attorneys' Fees and Arbitration Expenses:	\$50,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$184,732.73</b>

11. The Defendant cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but, upon information and belief, Defendant has, or will have during the pendency of this action, assets within this District and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, held in the hands of garnishees including, but not limited to, ABN Amro, American Express

Bank, Bank of America, Bank of New York, Citibank, Deutsche Bank A.G., HSBC Bank USA Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, Standard Chartered Bank, and/or Wachovia Bank N.A., which are believed to be due and owing to the Defendant.

12. The Plaintiff seeks an order from this court directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, attaching, *inter alia*, any assets of the Defendant held by the aforesaid garnishee for the purpose of obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Defendant, and to secure the Plaintiff's claim as described above.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays:

A. That process in due form of law issue against the Defendant, citing it to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Complaint;

B. That since the Defendant cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, attaching all goods, chattels, credits, letters of credit, bills of lading, effects, debts and monies, tangible or intangible, or any other funds held by any garnishee, including, but not limited to, ABN Amro, American Express Bank, Bank of America, Bank of New York, Citibank, Deutsche Bank A.G., HSBC Bank USA Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, Standard Chartered Bank, and/or Wachovia Bank N.A., which are due and owing to the Defendant, in the amount of **\$184,732.73** calculated to date to secure the Plaintiff's claims, and that all persons claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B answer the matters alleged in the Complaint;

C. That this Court recognize and confirm any arbitration award or judgment rendered on the claims had herein as a Judgment of this Court;

D. That this Court retain jurisdiction over this matter through the entry of any judgment or award associated with any of the claims currently pending, or which may be initiated in the future, including any appeals thereof; and

E. That the Plaintiff has such other, further and different relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
November 14, 2006

The Plaintiff,  
STRATEGIC SHIPPING & CHARTERING B.V.,

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**ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION**

State of Connecticut    )  
                                  )       ss.:    Town of Southport  
County of Fairfield    )

1.     My name is Lauren C. Davies.

2.     I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, capable of making this  
Verification, and fully competent to testify to all matters stated herein.

3.     I am an attorney in the firm of Tisdale & Lennon, LLC, attorneys for the  
Plaintiff.

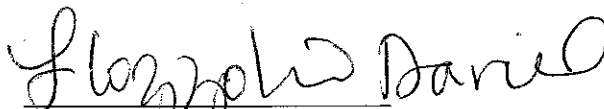
4.     I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents  
thereof and believe the same to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information  
and belief.

5.     The reason why this Verification is being made by the deponent and not  
by the Plaintiff is that the Plaintiff is a business organization with no officers or directors now  
within this District.

6.     The source of my knowledge and the grounds for my belief are the  
statements made, and the documents and information received from, the Plaintiff and agents  
and/or representatives of the Plaintiff.

7.     I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Plaintiff.

Dated:       Southport, Connecticut  
              November 14, 2006

  
Lauren C. Davies